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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. EGYPT-ISRAEL ACCORD: RECEIVES HEAVY MEDIA PLAY. BOTH NATIONAL TV NETWORK'S PRIME-TIME NEWSCASTS DEVOTED MAJOR PORTION OF INTERNATIONAL SEGMENTS TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S ANNOUNCEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY CONFIRMED IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV, THAT AN ACCORD --WHICH BOTH PARTIES RECOGNIZED AS REACHED BECAUSE OF NEGOTIATION UNDER U.S. AUSPICES - WOULD BE SIGNED THIS MORNING. SAMPLE NEWSPAPER FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES: PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO:"KISSINGER OBTAINS ACCORD ON SINAI; LIBERAL JORNAL DE BRASILIA:"EGYPT AND ISRAEL SIGN THEIR FIRST ACCORD THIS MORNING"; STORY LEAD SAYS "SIGNING OF THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ACCORD ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR A LASTING PEACE BETWEEN THESE PEOPLES. HENRY KISSINGER, A GERMAN IMMIGRIANT WHO EARNED# THE POSITION OF U.S. SECSTATE AND EARNED THE POSITION OF U.S. SECSTATE AND RECEIVED THE 1973 NOBEL PRIZE FOR HAVING NEGOTIATED PEACE IN VIETNAM, ONCE AGAIN IS THE GREAT CREATOR OF THE FIRST UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, AN UNDERSTANDING UNTIL

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QUITE RECENTLY CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE AS THE ARAB NATIONS

OBSTINATELY REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE UNQUESTIONABLE REALITY OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AS A NATION,...THUS REJECTING ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH ITS GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING BOTH NATIONS TOGETHER AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND HAS NOW OBTAINED A PRELIMINARY ACCORD ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TROOP WITHDRAWAL..."(JANUARY 18). SAMPLE COMMENTARIES:

2. INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) CORRESPONDENT IN TEL AVIV, NAHUM SIROTSKY, WRITES:"THE ACCORD ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS A FIRST GREAT STEP TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, BUT PEACE CONTINUES TO BE DISTANT...THE TERMS OF THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL (ACCORD) REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT SADAT. HE WAS THE PERSON WHO, IN DECIDING TO WAGE A WAR, SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THE IMPASSE CREATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD FINDING A SOLUTION FOR THE CONFLICT. THE ACCORD IMPLIES ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM POSITIONS IT GAINED DURING THE LAST WAR...THE EGYPTIAN FLAG AGAIN WILL BE HAVING OVER A GOOD PORTION OF THE TERRITORIES WHICH WERE IN JEWISH POSSESSION SINCE 1967. BUT WITH THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL EGYPT AND ISRAEL CAN NEGOTIATE A FINAL ACCORD MORE COMFORTABLY. THE RISES OF A NEW WAR HAVE BEEN DIMINISHED. TIME HAS BEEN GAINED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS...."(JANUARY 18).

3. ISSA GORAIEB, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CORRESPONDENT IN TEL AVIV, WRITES:"...AN ACCORD FINALLY HAS BEEN REACHED ON EGYPT -ISRAEL TROOP WITHDRAWAL, BUT APREHENSIONS OF ARAB CIRCLES IN BEIRUT CONTINUE DIVIDED BETWEEN A DISCREET OPTIMISM AND ANXIETY FOR THE FUTURE. ON ONE HAND, DETAILS OF THE ACCORD OBTAINED THANKS TO KISSINGER'S LONG-SUFFERING MEDIATION ARE NOT TOTALLY KNOWN. ON THE OTHER HAND, ONE CAN DOUBT RECEPTIVITY THE 'KISSINGER FORMULA' WILL FIND AMONG EGYPT'S ALLIES WHICH HAVE LONG FEARED A CAIRO-TEL AVIV BILATERAL ACCORD..."(JANUARY 18)
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